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MC4 Assistant Product Manager Honored with IT Leadership Award

MAJ Kevin Watts Earns 2006 Government Computer News Honors

Fort Detrick, Md., May 1, 2006 – MC4 Assistant Product Manager Major Kevin Watts was honored today with the 2006 *Government Computer News* (GCN) IT Leadership Award. Watts was saluted by a distinguished board of judges for his integral contributions in making MC4 the most comprehensive Information Management/Information Technology (IM/IT) medical system deployed in theater to date. The judging panel comprised of current and former federal IT leaders and industry executives selected 12 winners out of 90 candidates to receive this year's awards.

"The 2006 GCN IT Leadership Award winners deserve high praise for their exemplary record of performance and leadership resulting in extraordinary delivery on mission," said Thomas R. Temin, editor-in-chief and executive vice president, PostNewsweek Tech Media, publisher of GCN.

In 2005, Watts led a team of MC4 trainers, technicians and clinicians into a combat zone to complete a monumental task. Under his leadership, MC4 enabled the 86th Combat Support Hospital to become the first deployed hospital in the history of U.S. warfare to electronically capture Service members' healthcare treatments in Iraq by using a joint medical software system.

"Watts' courage has no boundaries," said Kevin Carroll, the Army's Program Executive Officer, Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS). "While deploying into a combat zone under fire, Watts successfully completed his mission by leading a team of contractors in training and fielding a complex IM/IT system during a time of war."

In December 2005, Watts' boots touched ground in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina battered the Gulf Coast. In MC4's first CONUS humanitarian support mission, Watts and his team deployed 100 MC4 systems and trained medical professionals caring for the thousands of Active Duty and National Guard personnel assigned to Joint Task Force Katrina disaster relief efforts.

"Watts' exceptional accomplishments in furthering MC4's electronic medical recording mission has left a lasting impact on Service members worldwide," said LTC Edward Clayson, MC4 Product Manager. "He has inspired co-workers and others to reach higher achievements."

Watts will be honored on May 24 in Washington, D.C., during GCN's IT Leadership Conference.

Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) develops, fields and supports a medical information management system for Army tactical medical forces, enabling a comprehensive, life-long electronic medical record for all service members, and enhancing medical situational awareness for operational commanders. Headquartered at Fort Detrick, Md., MC4 is under the oversight of the Army Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) at Fort Belvoir, Va. For more information on MC4, visit www.mc4.army.mil.

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